

Applicant: Gil et al.  
Serial No.: 09/751,053  
Filed: December 29, 2000  
Page 2 of 17

a2 39. (Amended) A method for making an agent for treating pain comprising the step of producing a polypeptide from a gene having codes for at least one component of the agent, wherein the agent comprises

a therapeutic component, and  
a targeting ligand coupled to the therapeutic component,  
the targeting ligand being effective to bind to the alpha-2B or  
alpha-2B/alpha-2C adrenergic receptor subtype(s).

Please add claims 68-71 as follows:

A3 68. (New) The agent of claim 1, wherein the targeting ligand selectively binds to the alpha-2B or alpha-2B/alpha-2C adrenergic receptor subtype(s) as compared to the alpha-2A adrenergic receptor subtype.

69. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the targeting ligand of the agent selectively binds to the alpha-2B or alpha-2B/alpha-2C adrenergic receptor subtype(s) as compared to the alpha-2A adrenergic receptor subtype.

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**